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Cosmo is the quick-witted leader of his Martian crew. Together, they travel space in search of adventure!

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THE CAPTAIN AND CREW

The evil Venusian Queen Hesper is wreaking havoc across the galaxy! With the power of the ancient Martian relics, Cosmo and his band of adventurers are the only hope against Hesper's evil scheme.

After learning the last relic was being held on Venus, Cosmo's crew stormed Hesper's palace to steal it back. Unfortunately our heroes were ambushed by Boudica and her fellow Battle Princesses! With their advanced tech to support them, the Venusian warriors made quick work of Cosmo and his friends.

With his Martian crew defeated and locked away, Cosmo is forced to face Queen Hesper alone...

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THE THRONE ROOM OF
HESPER'S PALACE...



HAHAHA!!

Oh, I
ADORE
THIS!



COSMO--
THE "MIGHTY"
MARTIAN!

ALWAYS
PRETENDING TO
BE A **BIG HERO!**
ALWAYS BARGING
INTO OTHER
PEOPLE'S
BUSINESS!



AND NOW YOU'RE
POWERLESS,
ALL ALONE, AND
AT MY MERCY!



OKAY, HESPER. YOU'VE WON.

BUT YOUR VENDETTA IS AGAINST ME. LET MY CREW GO. YOU DON'T WANT ANY OF THEM.



ESPECIALLY THE HUMAN.

I MEAN, HE GROWS ON YOU EVENTUALLY. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE REALLY PATIENT...



ENOUGH!

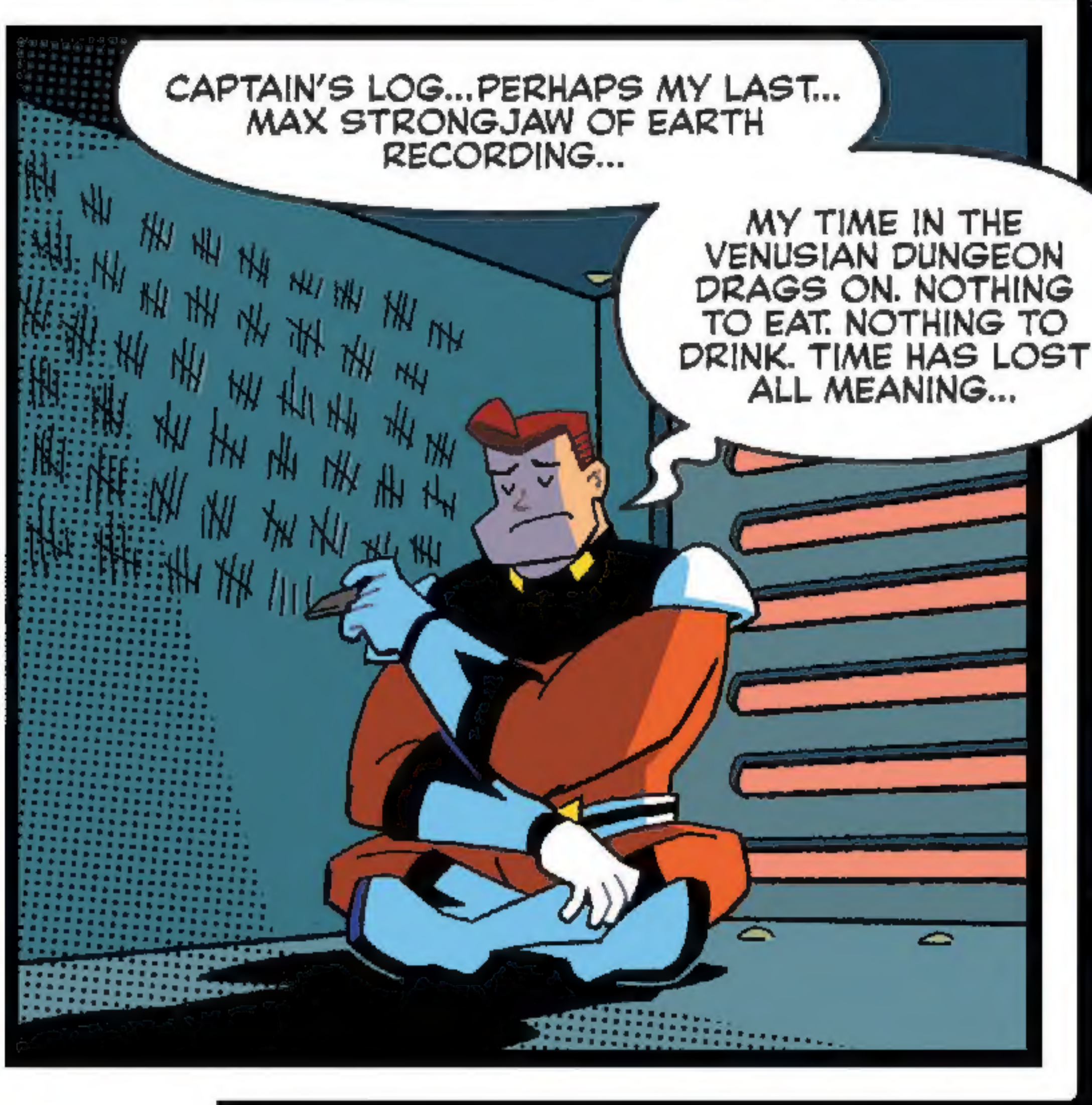


I HAVE BEEN PATIENT AND THAT PATIENCE HAS RUN OUT.

"MERCY" IS NOT THE MARTIAN WAY, SO WHY SHOULD I SHOW YOU ANY?





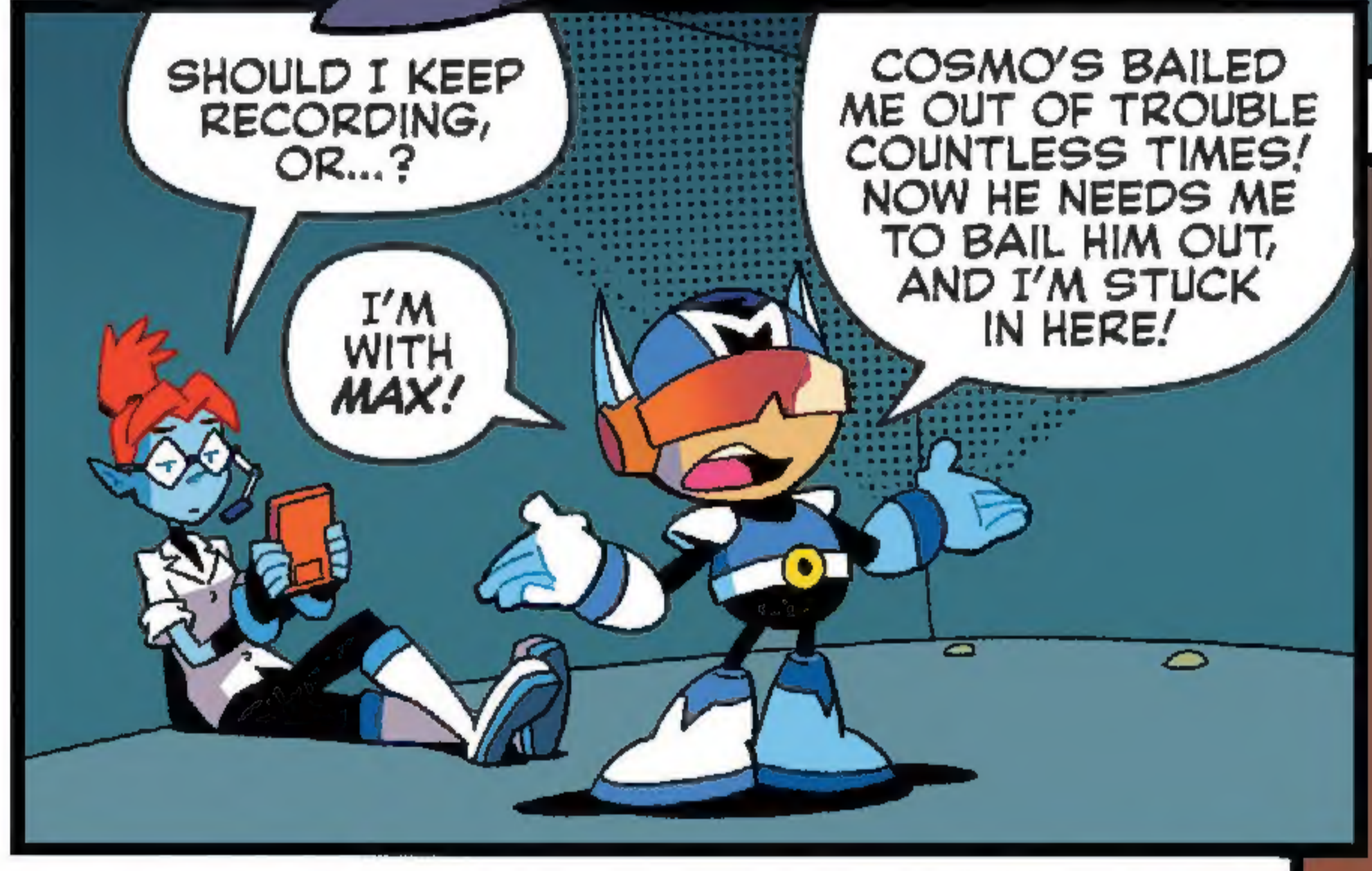
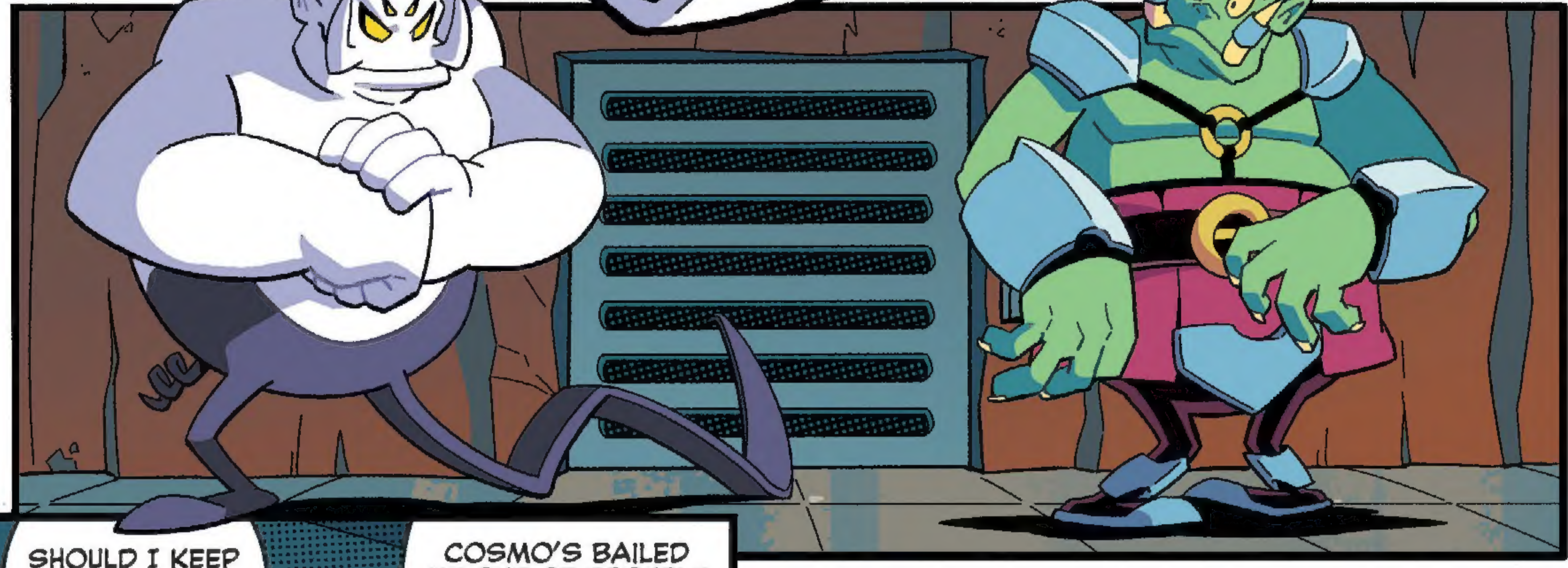


CAPTAIN'S LOG...PERHAPS MY LAST...
MAX STRONGJAW OF EARTH
RECORDING...

MY TIME IN THE
VENUSIAN DUNGEON
DRAGS ON. NOTHING
TO EAT. NOTHING TO
DRINK. TIME HAS LOST
ALL MEANING...



WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN
HERE FOR *TEN MINUTES!*
STOP SCRATCHING UP
THE WALL! YOU'RE
DRIVING ME *CRAZY!*



SHOULD I KEEP
RECORDING,
OR...?

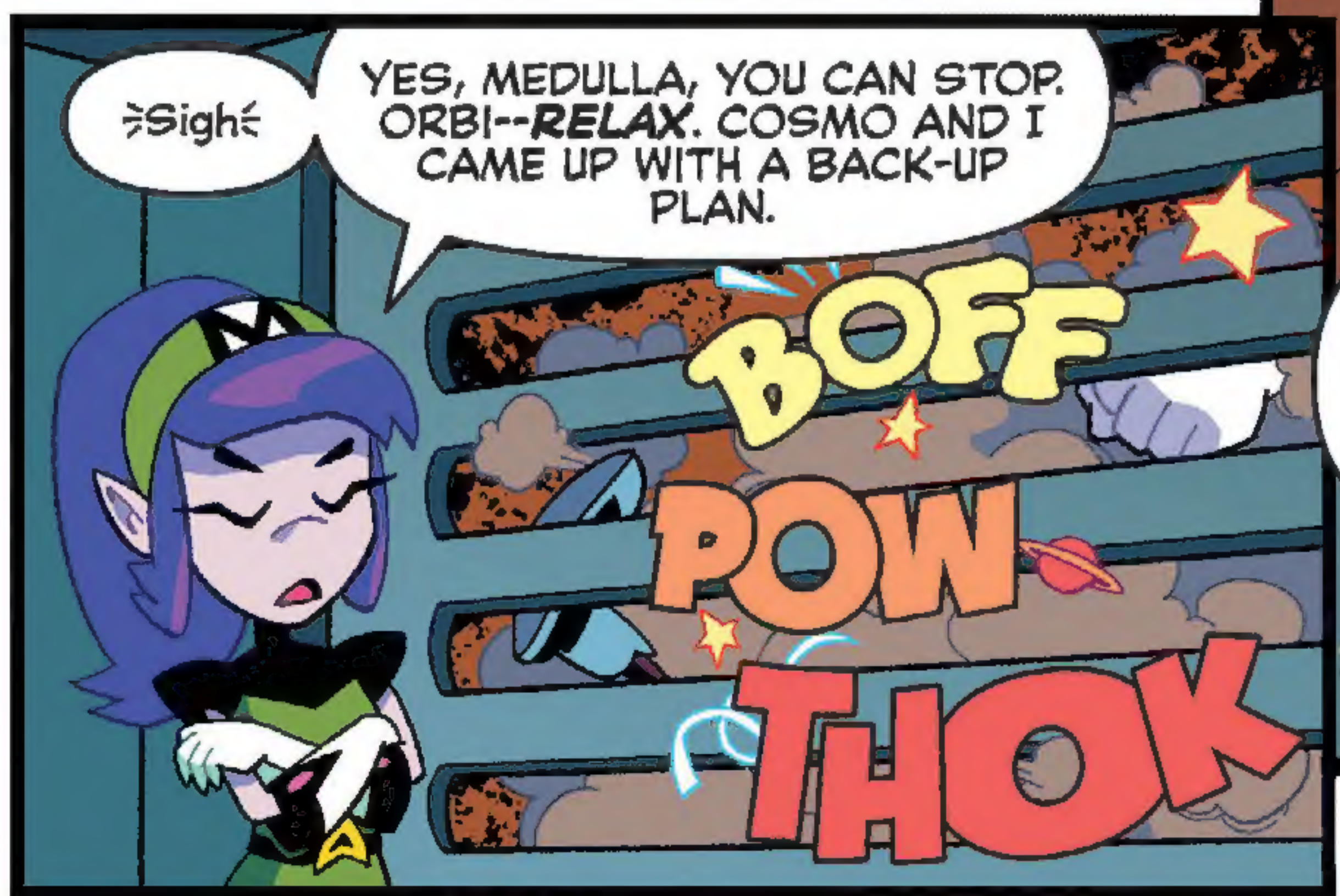
I'M
WITH
MAX!

COSMO'S BAILED
ME OUT OF TROUBLE
COUNTLESS TIMES!
NOW HE NEEDS ME
TO BAIL HIM OUT,
AND I'M STUCK
IN HERE!



WE *KNEW* THE ODDS
OF US GETTING IN AND
OUT WERE SLIM TO NONE,
AND WE *KNEW* HESPER
WOULD FOCUS ON *COSMO*
IF WE GOT CAUGHT.

SO NOW THAT COSMO
IS DISTRACTING EVERYONE,
WE'RE FREE TO GRAB THE RELICS,
RESCUE HIM AND MAKE A RUN FOR IT!



⇒Sigh⇐

YES, MEDULLA, YOU CAN STOP.
ORBI--RELAX. COSMO AND I
CAME UP WITH A BACK-UP
PLAN.

BOFF
POW
THOK



FINE. I'LL KNEEL, I'LL SERVE-- ANYTHING TO SAVE MY FRIENDS.

BUT, HESS...



MY MIND IS MY OWN. AND YOU KNOW WHO MY HEART BELONGS TO.



AND WHAT IS THE "SOUL," REALLY? COUNTLESS CIVILIZATIONS HAVE GRAPPLED WITH THE NOTION, AND...

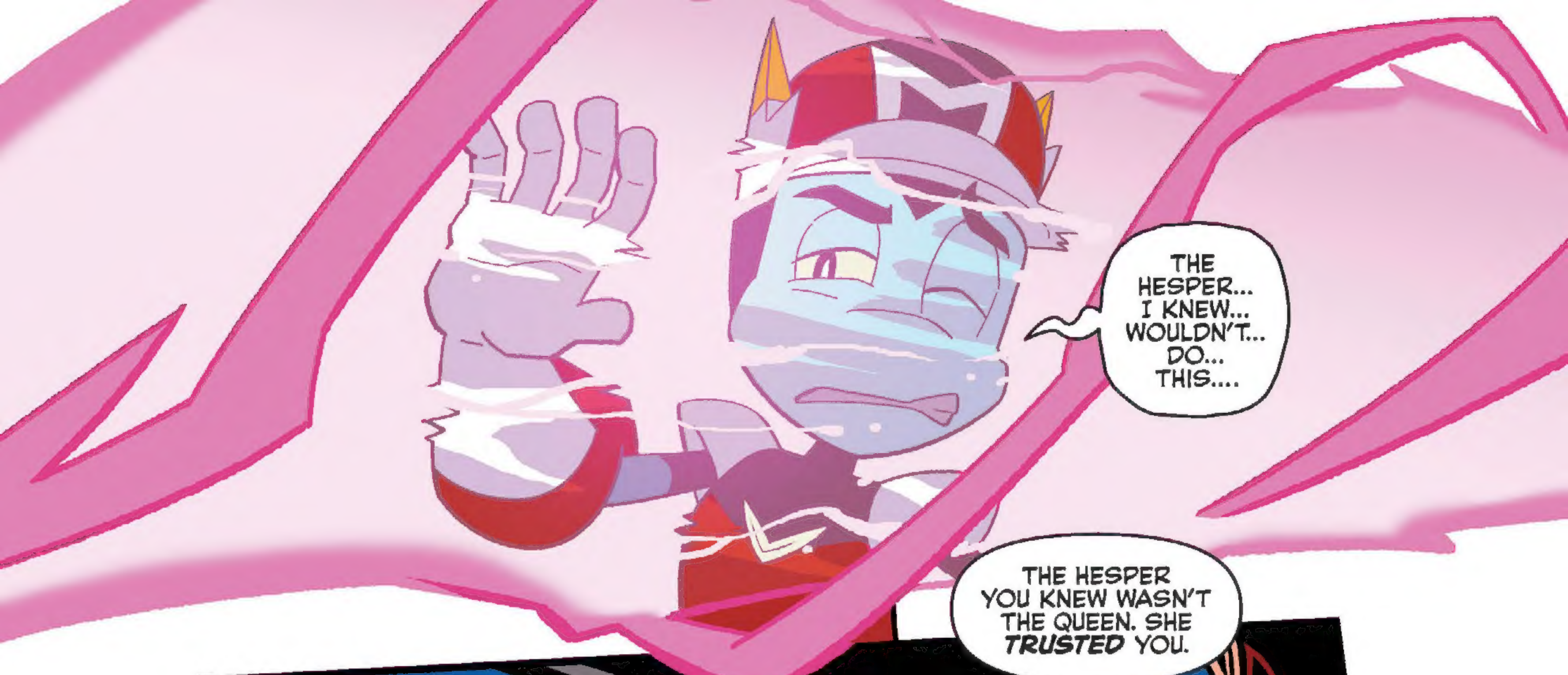


NO MORE!

I WAS A FOOL TO THINK YOU'D WILLINGLY CHANGE!

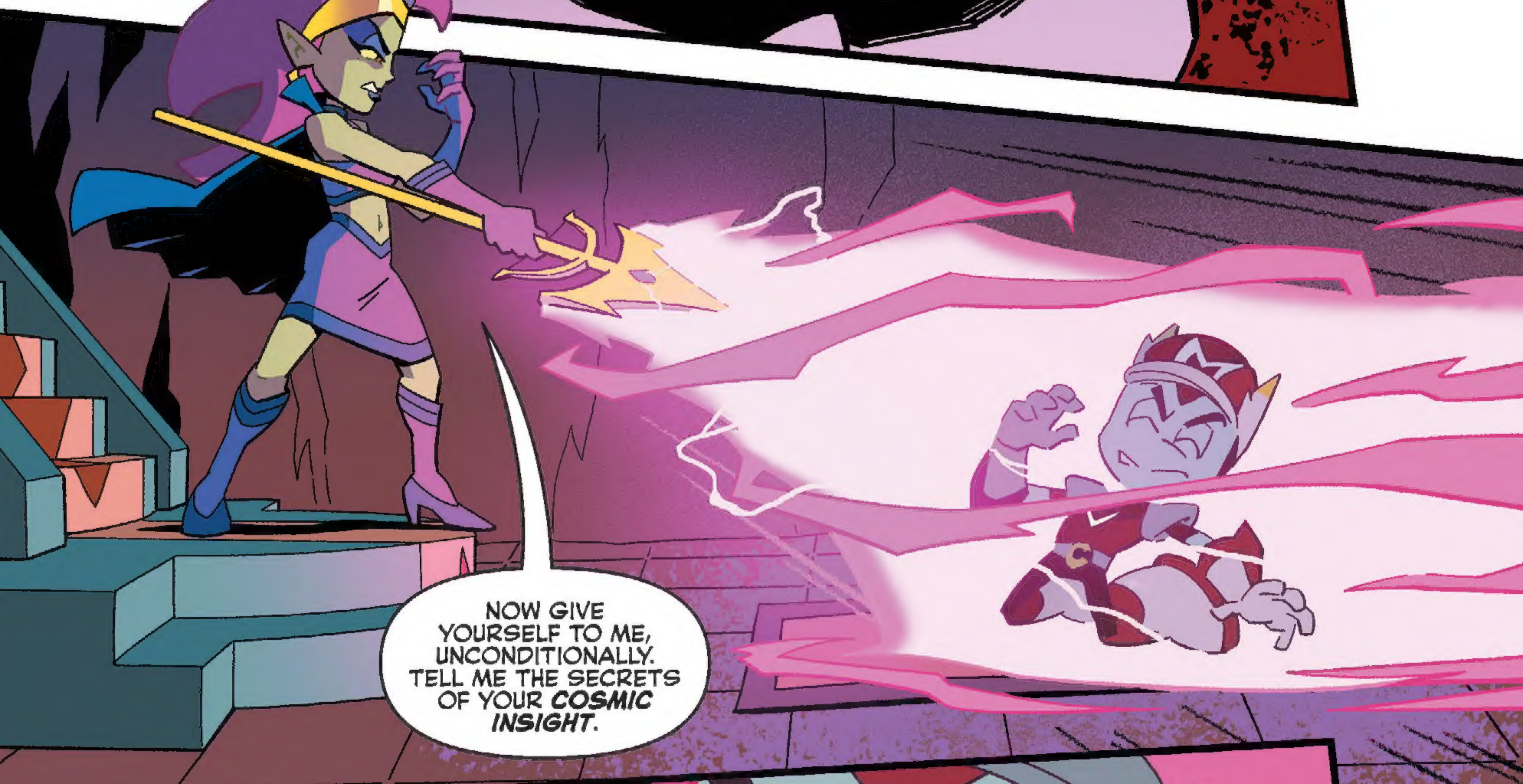


SO I WILL CHANGE YOU MYSELF!



THE HESPER... I KNEW... WOULDN'T... DO... THIS....

THE HESPER YOU KNEW WASN'T THE QUEEN. SHE TRUSTED YOU.



NOW GIVE YOURSELF TO ME, UNCONDITIONALLY. TELL ME THE SECRETS OF YOUR *COSMIC INSIGHT*.



HESPER... ALL FOR HESPER...



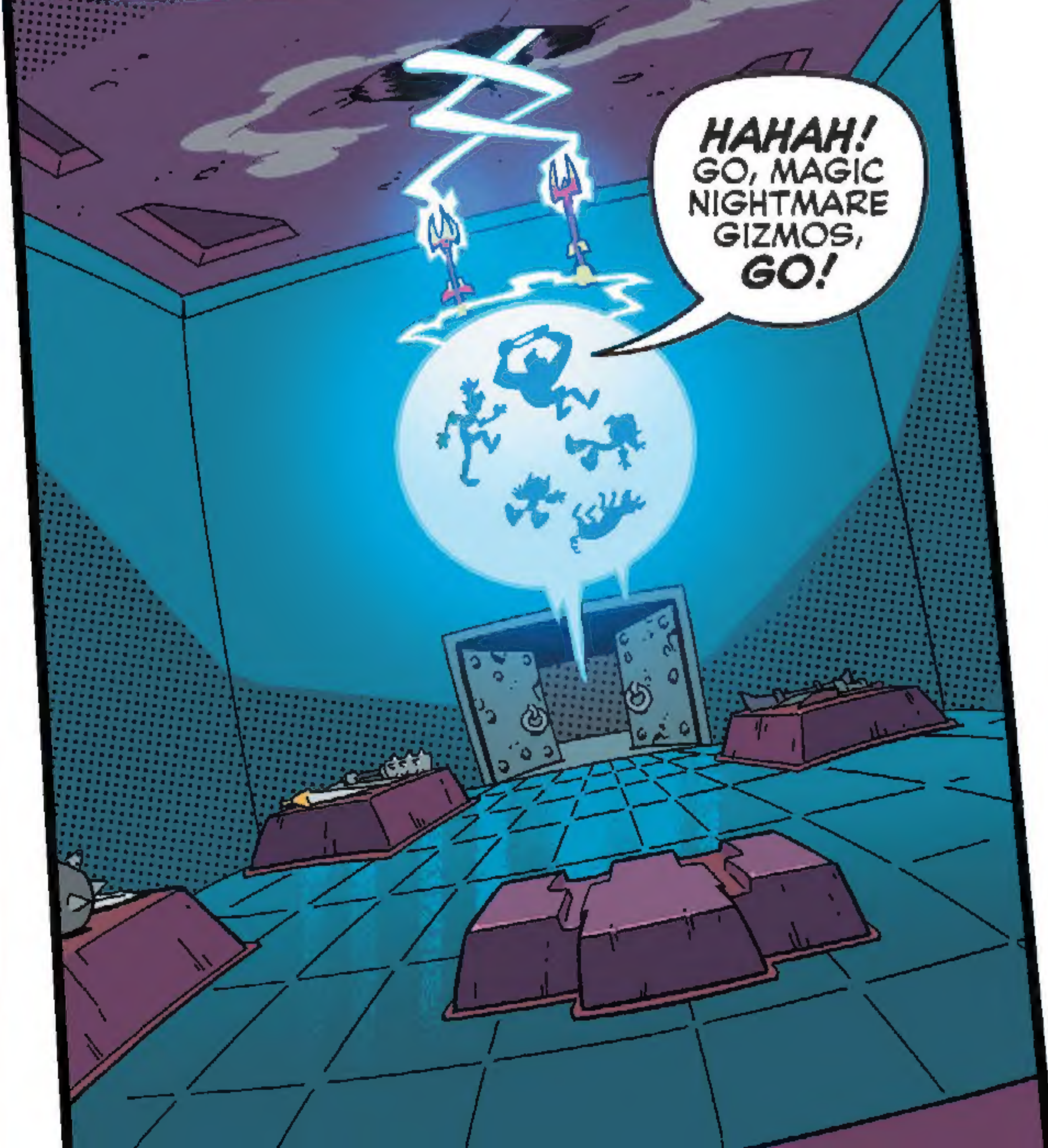
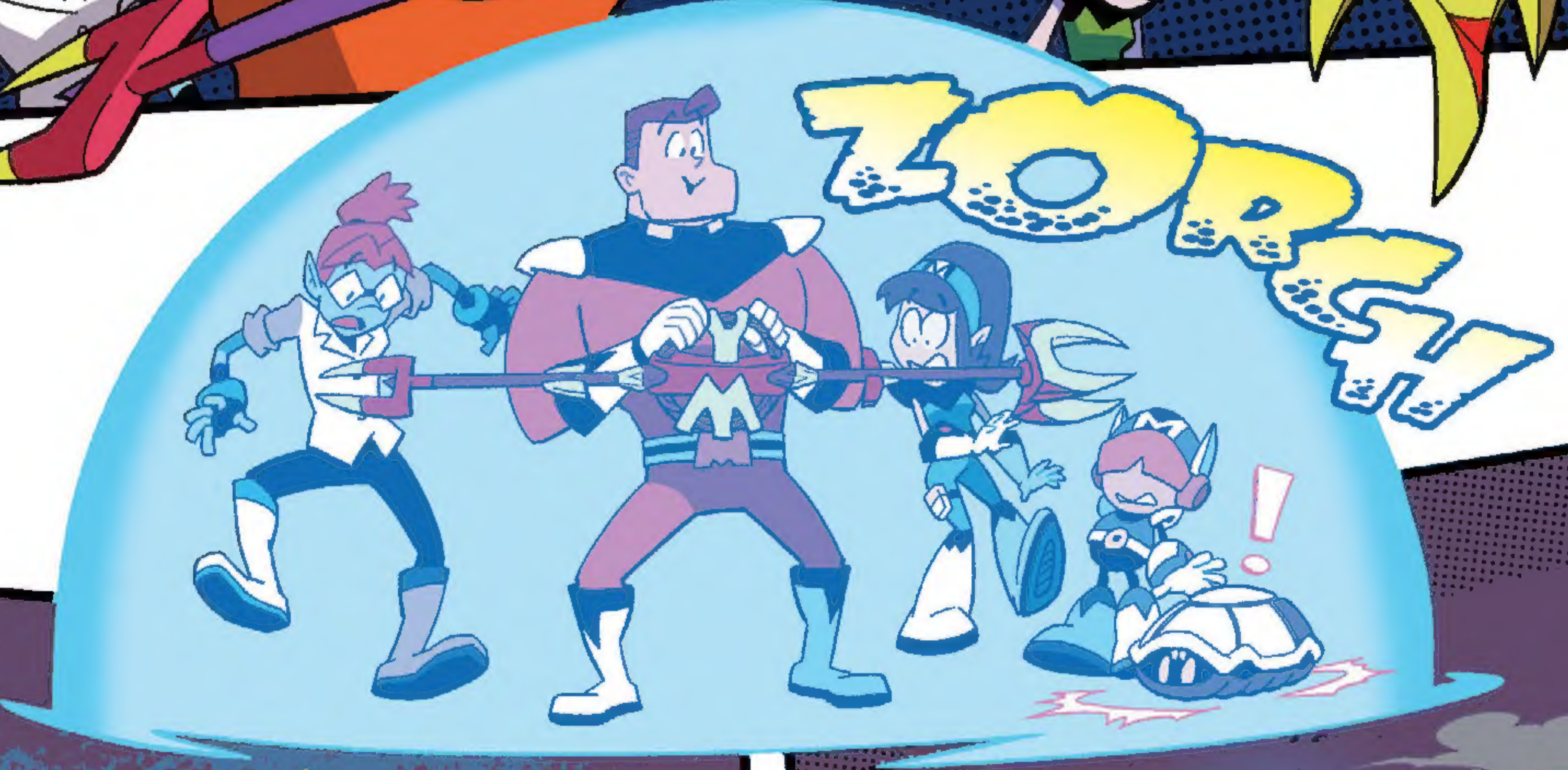
HERE THEY ARE... THE THREE ANCIENT MARTIAN RELICS...

NO ONE KNOWS THE FULL SCOPE OF THEIR POWER, LET ALONE WHAT THEY COULD DO TOGETHER!

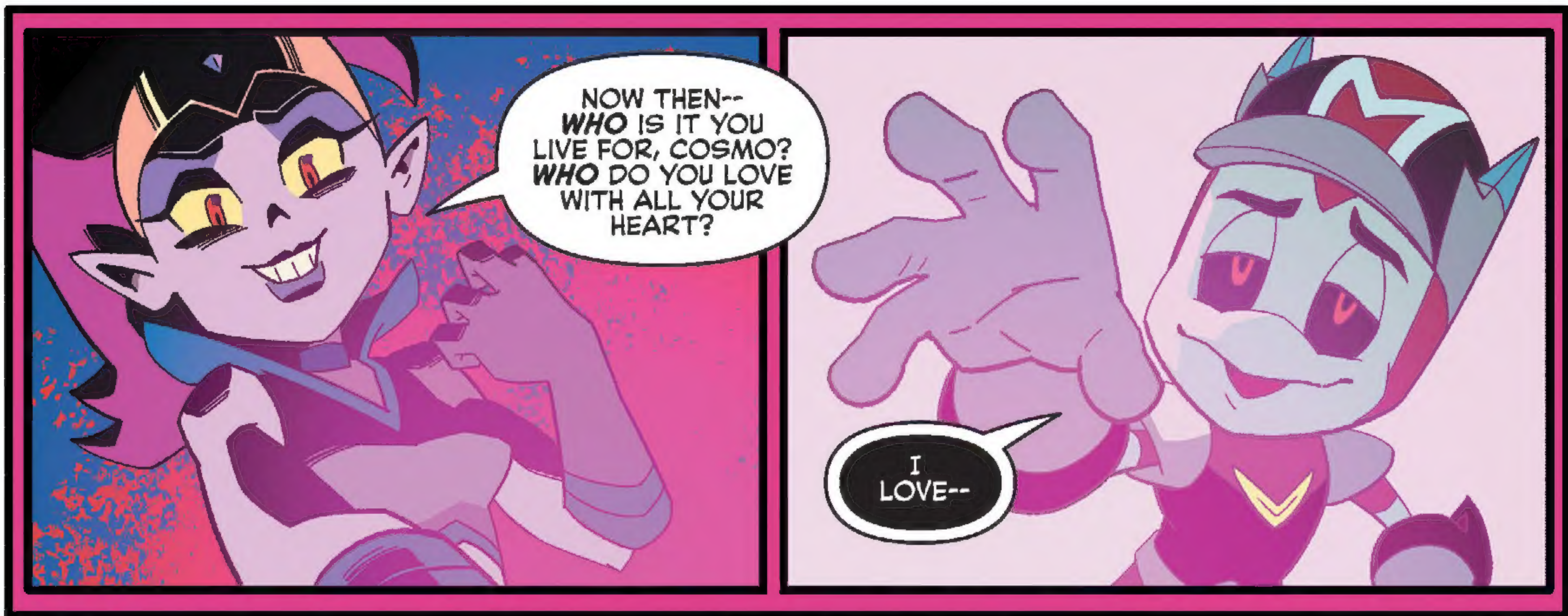
DO WE EVEN DARE TO WIELD SUCH POWER, EVEN IN THE NAME OF THE GREATER GOOD...?



NO TIME TO THINK! MAKE THE CREEPY THINGS DO MAGIC!



HAHAH! GO, MAGIC NIGHTMARE GIZMOS, GO!





WORP



PERMISSION
TO COME
ABOARD,
CAPTAIN?

GRANTED!
ORDERS,
CAPTAIN?

GET US
OUTTA
HERE!

AYE-AYE!



SKOOOM



ARE YOU HURT, MY QUEEN?!

THE HUMAN WAS USING THE RELICS...?



THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, BOUDICA!

IT WAS YOUR STUPID PLAN TO LURE THEM WITH THE RELICS! INSTEAD OF AMBUSHING THEM, WE PLAYED RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS!



YOU'RE RIGHT.



I'VE FAILED YOU, MY QUEEN. BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

PLEASE, SACRIFICE ALL THAT I AM ON THE ALTAR OF PENANCE SO THAT OUR ENEMIES MAY BE PUNISHED.

SO BE IT.

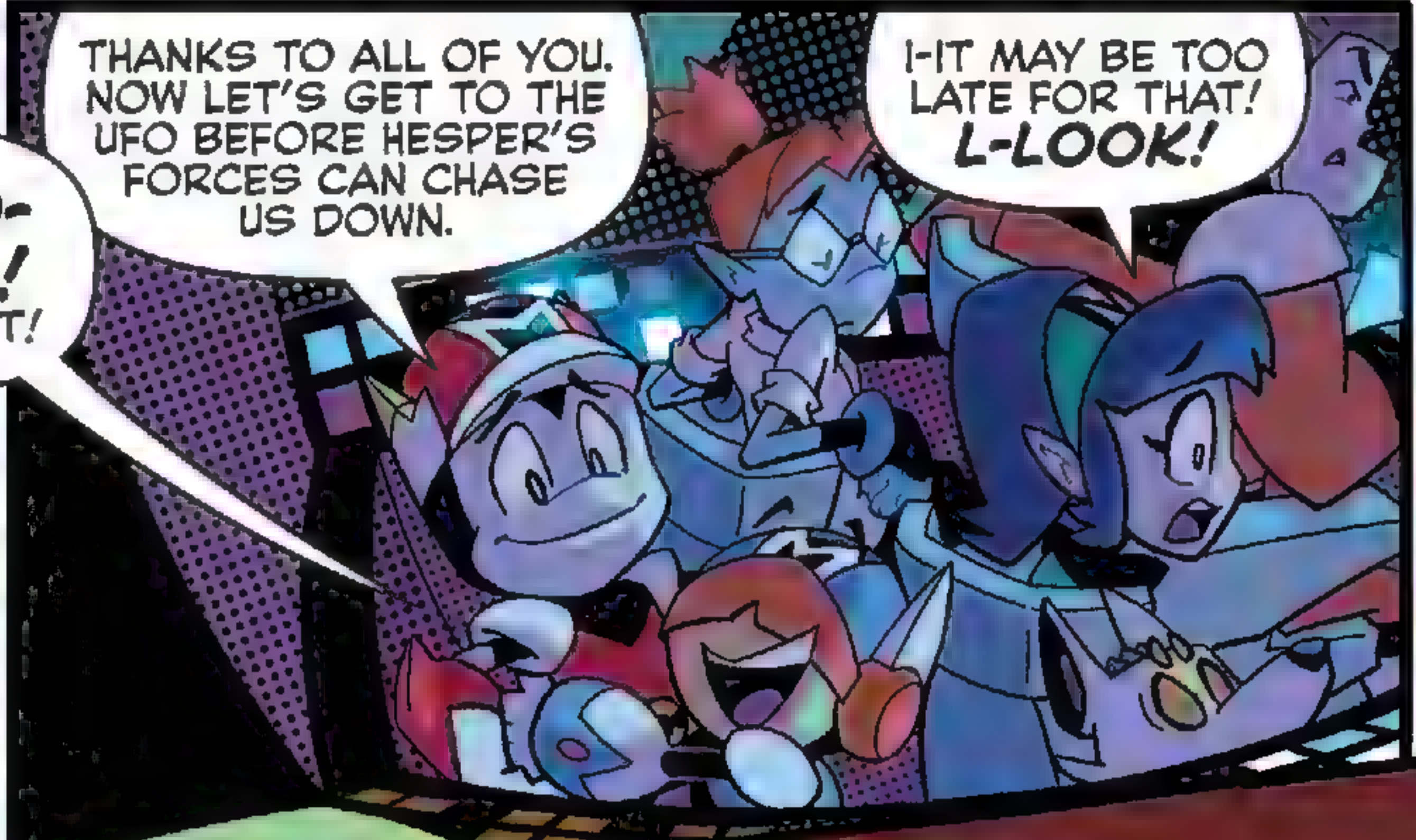
GOODBYE, BATTLE PRINCESS. KNOW THAT-- THROUGH THIS-- YOU ARE FORGIVEN.



WOO-HOO!
WE DID IT!

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.
NOW LET'S GET TO THE
UFO BEFORE HESPER'S
FORCES CAN CHASE
US DOWN.

I-IT MAY BE TOO
LATE FOR THAT!
L-LOOK!



GRRRAAHHH!

KRA-KOON!



SWEET
JUNIPER!

WHAT IS
THAT?!

LOOKS
LIKE HESPER
GAVE BOUDICA
A MEGA-DOSE
OF APHRODITE
POWER.

HERE!
ONCE WE DOCK
ON THE UFO,
PLUG
THIS INTO YOUR
CONSOLE!



DO I
HAVE
TO?

YOU WERE
JUST USING
THEM.

THAT
WAS DIFFERENT!
MEDULLA ALREADY
ADDED SO MUCH
MARTIAN TECH TO
MY PRECIOUS
SHUTTLE...

MAX.

FINE!
FINE!



ASTRA! THE SECOND WE DOCK, YOU CONNECT THIS IN THE COCKPIT OF THE TUFO!



...AND YOU WILL BE GETTING IN THE COCKPIT OF THE UFO?

WE JUST INVADED AND BROKE OUT OF THE ROYAL PALACE, STOLE THE PRICELESS HEIRLOOMS OF OUR PEOPLE, AND NOW HAVE TO FIGHT A MUTATED SUPER-BATTLE-PRINCESS.

WORK WITH ME HERE.



YOU'RE RIGHT.

TH-THE HELM ISSSSSS...
YYYYOOOOURRRSSSS....



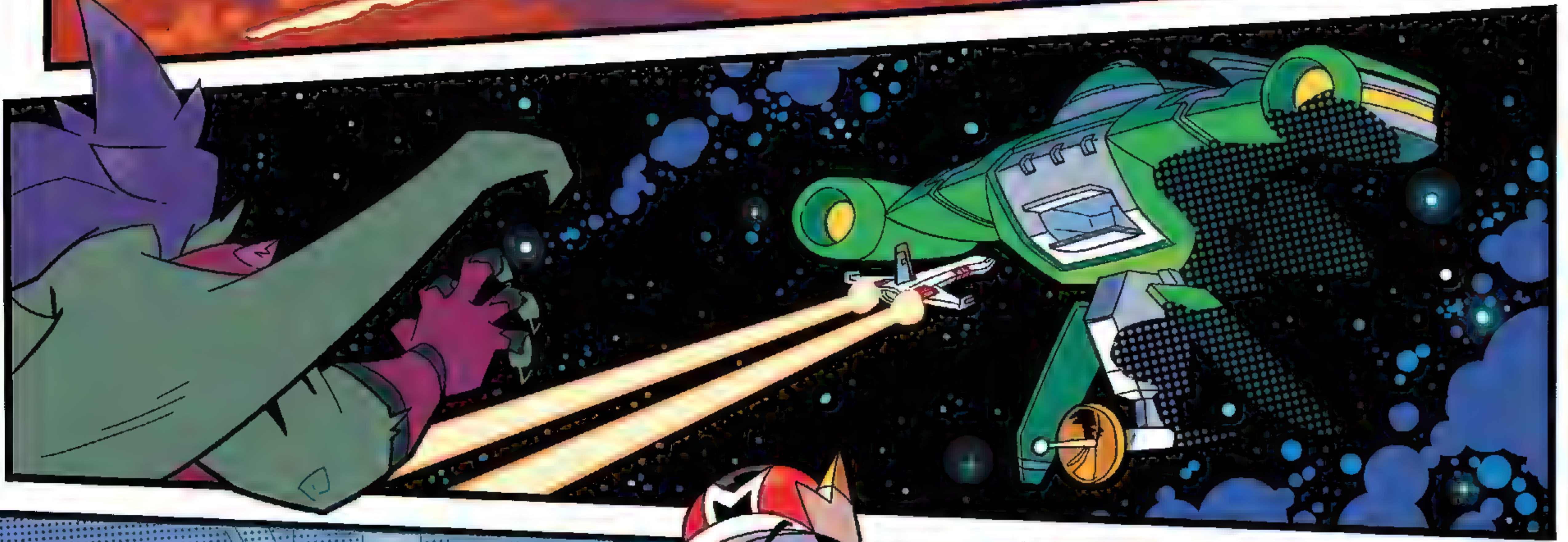
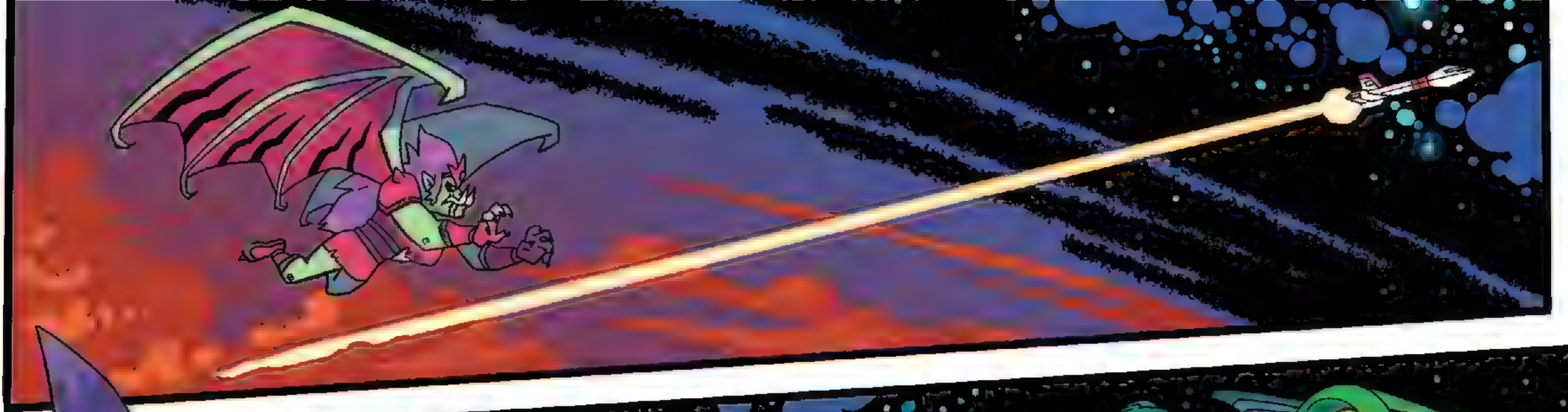
JUST FOR THIS ONE FIGHT. THEN I'LL STAY OUT OF THE COCKPIT.

⇒Whew!€

HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS'LL WORK? ANOTHER FLASH OF COSMIC INSIGHT?



NOPE. JUST TRUSTING MY GUT AND MY CREW ON THIS ONE.



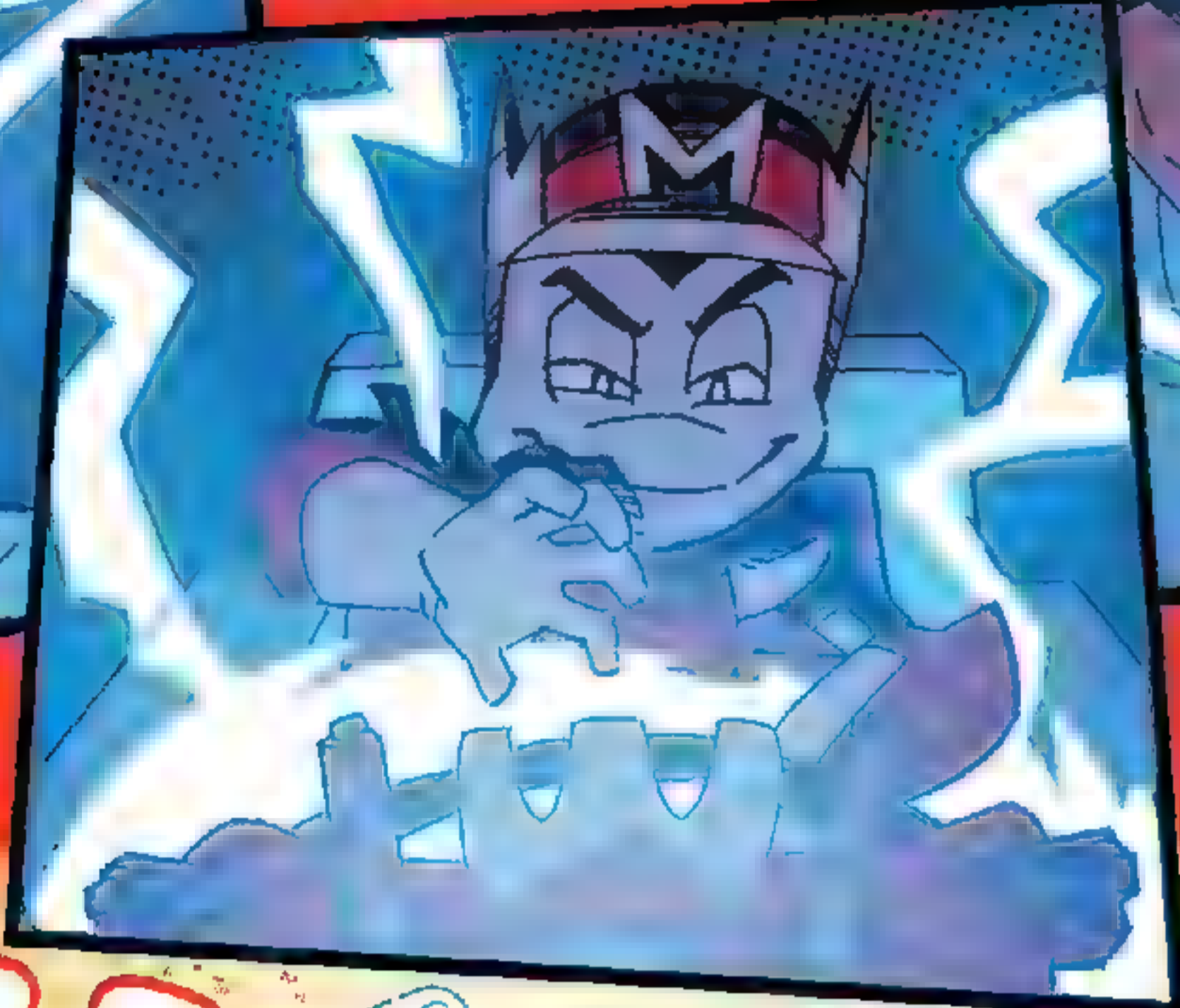
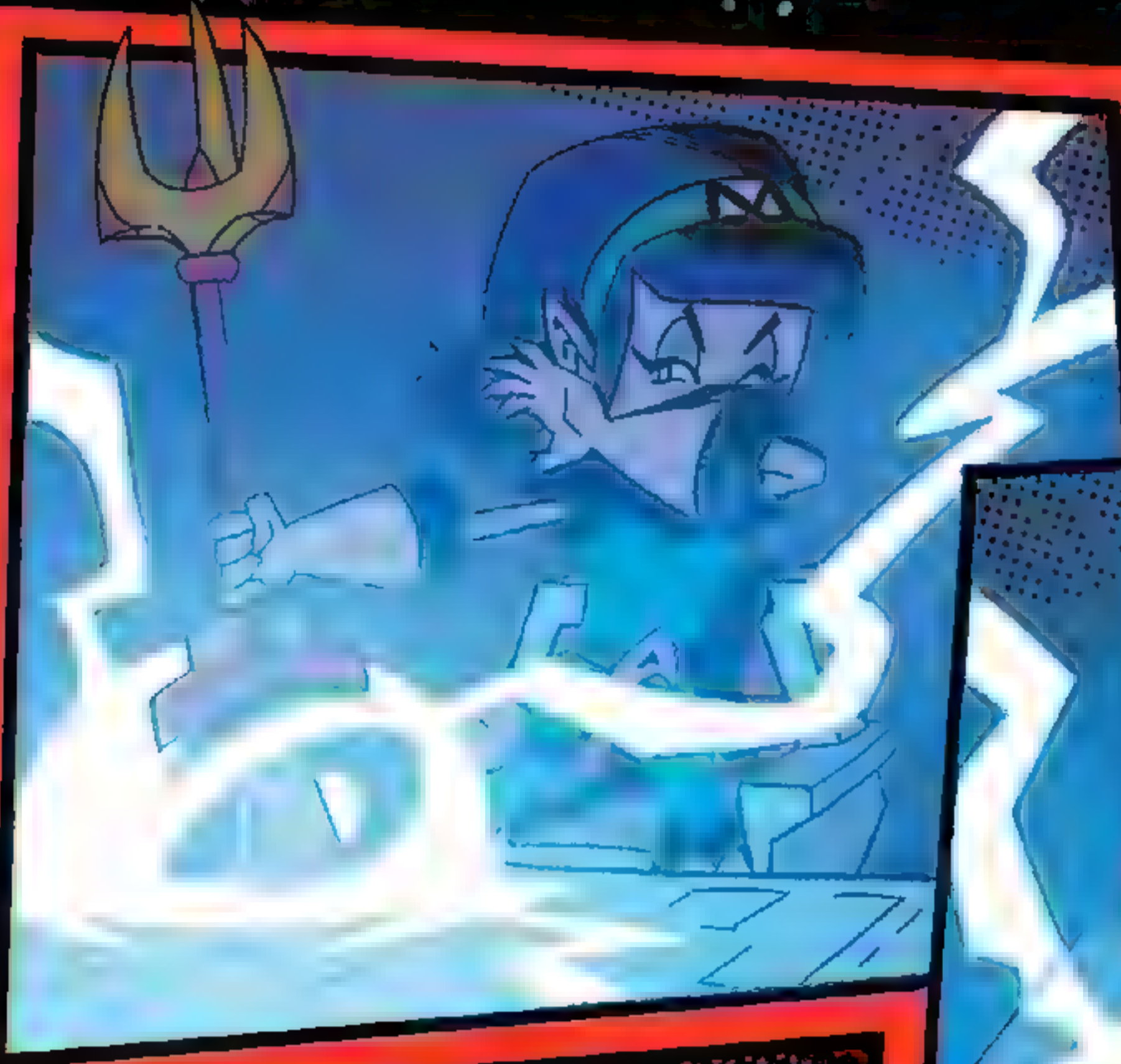
COSMO!
WHAT DO
WE DO?!

GET SOME-
PLACE
SAFE!

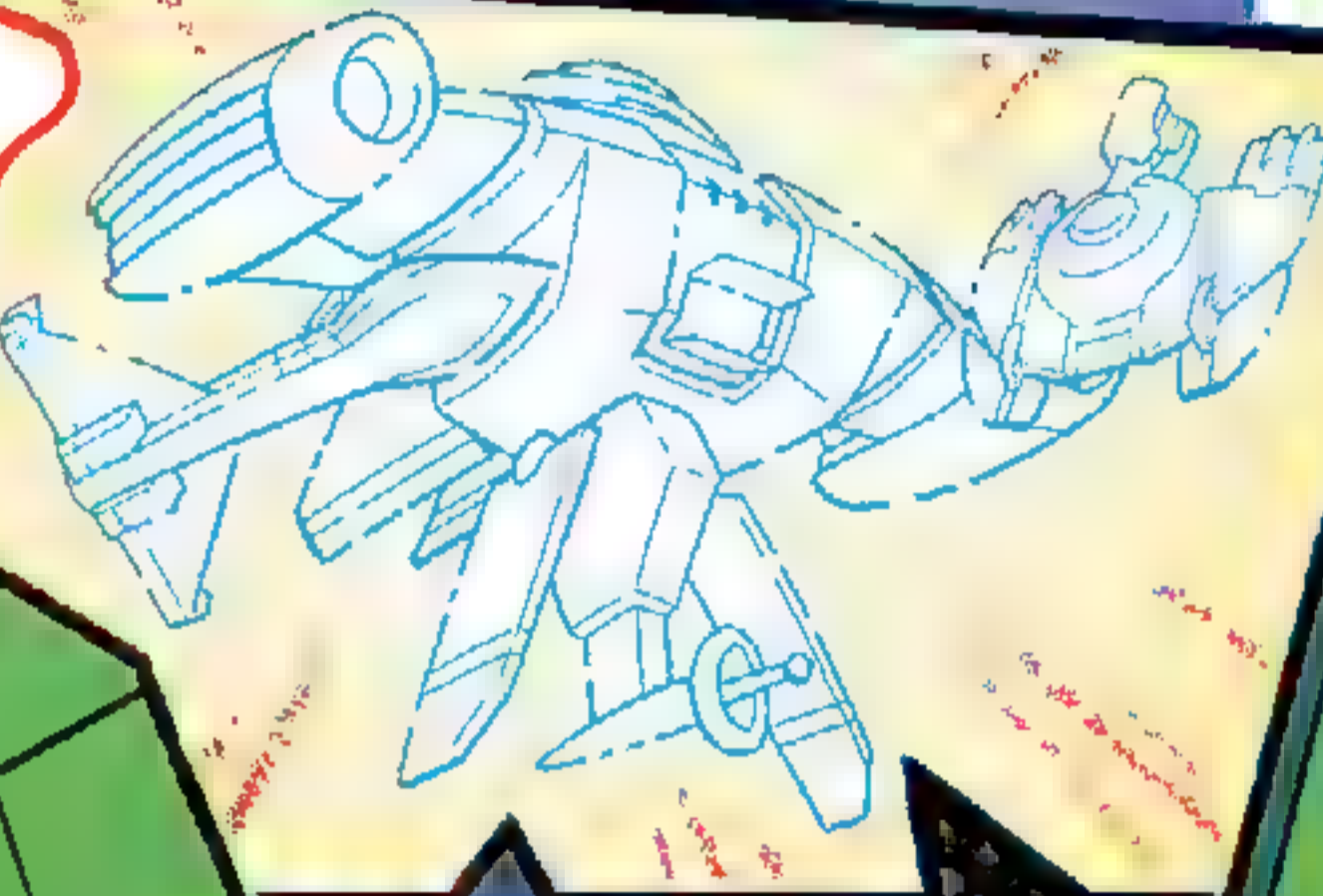


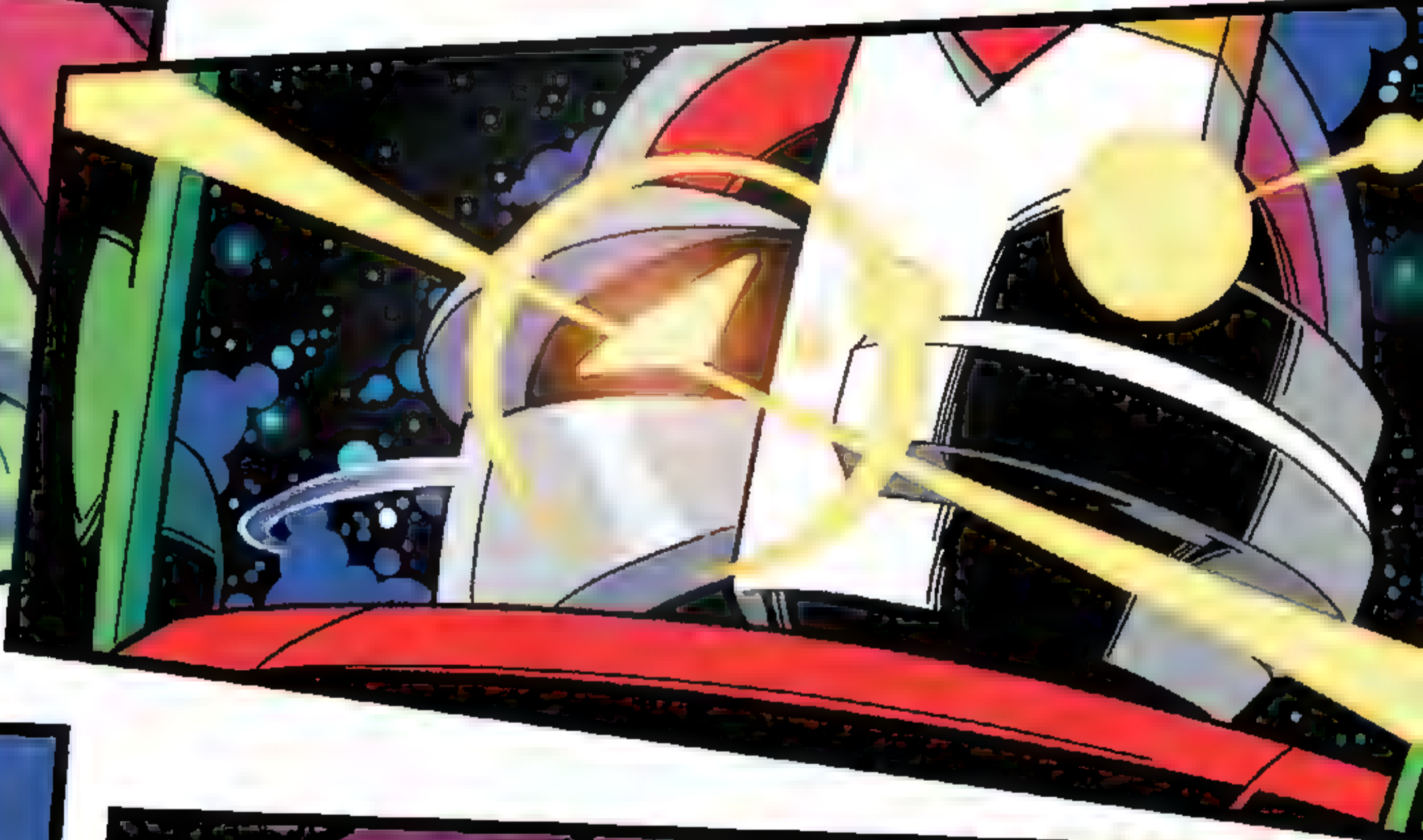
JOJO!
GO LOOK AFTER
ORBI AND MEDULLA
WHILE I--!

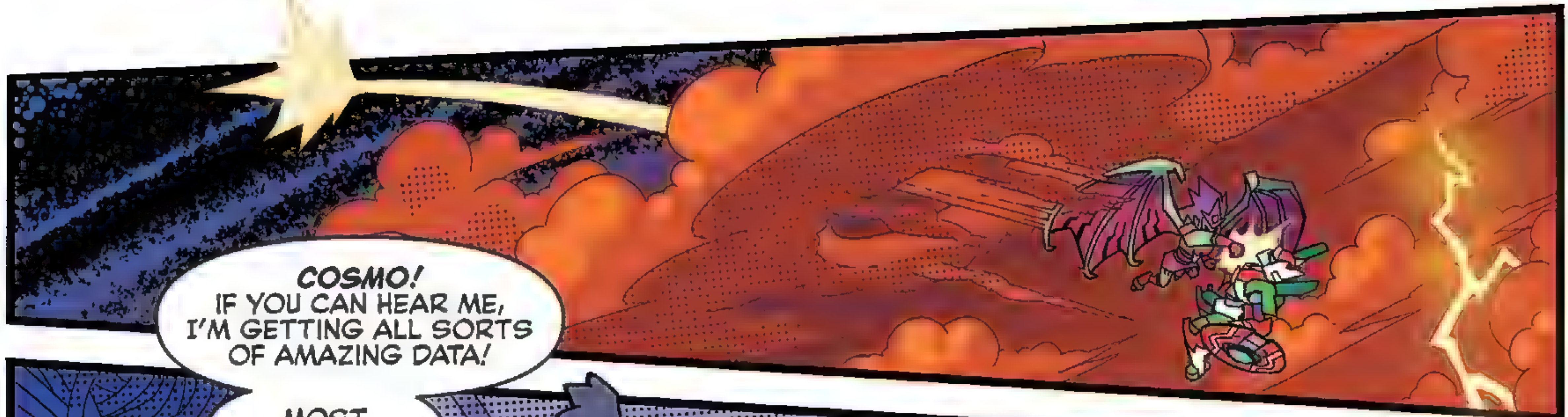
BZZT
BZZT



KWASH







COSMO!
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME,
I'M GETTING ALL SORTS
OF AMAZING DATA!

MOST
INTERESTING
OF ALL?

THE
MECHA IS EMITTING A
MOLECULAR FREQUENCY
THAT MATCHES THAT OF
THE ANTI-MUTAGENS
I'VE SYNTHESIZED!

...MEANING?

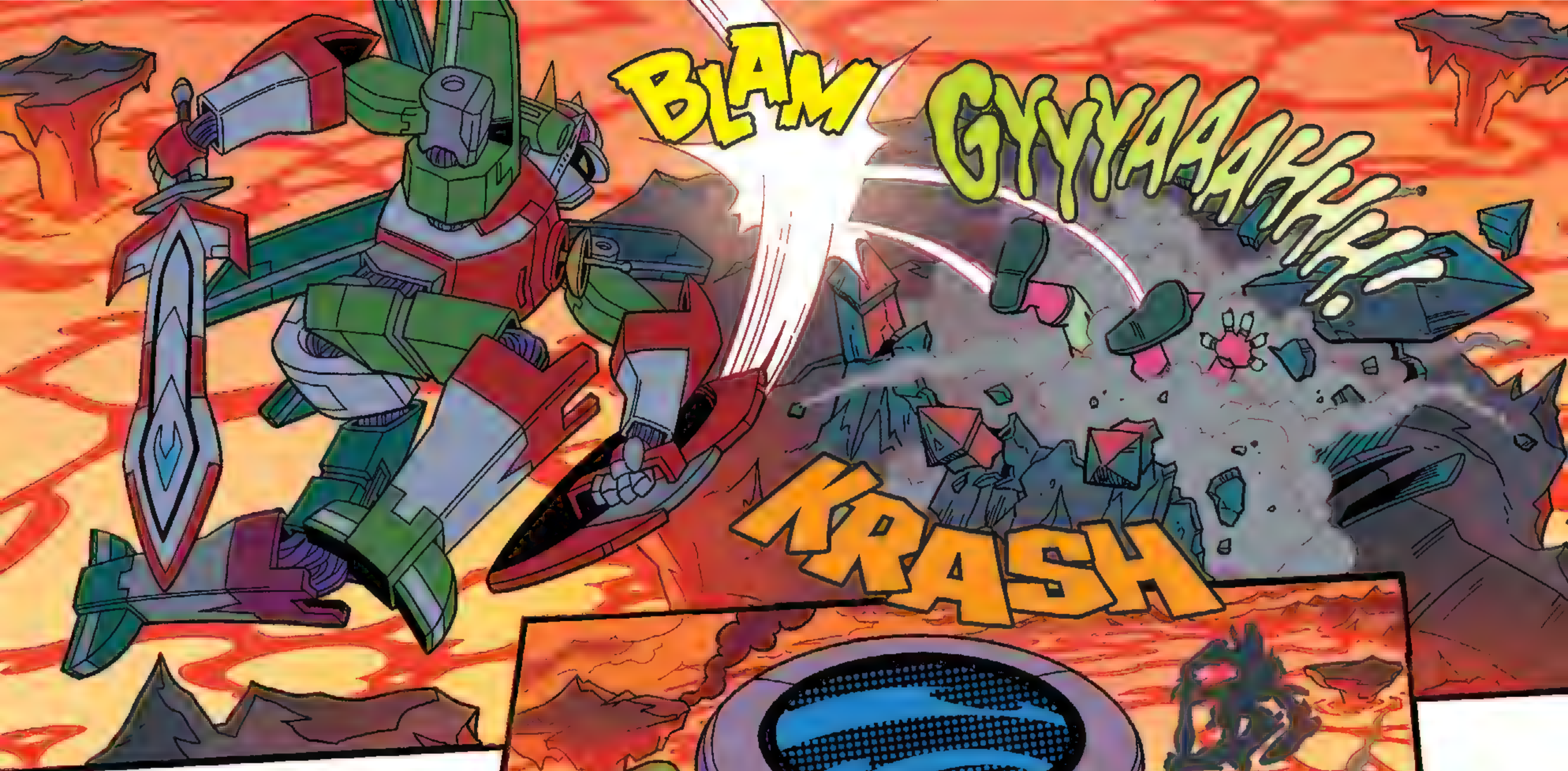
**CURE
HER WITH
PUNCHES!**



BANG
GYYAAAH!

BOOM
KRAK
POW!





ABOARD HESPER'S SHIP, THE QUEEN'S GRACE...

YIKES. SO MUCH FOR THE ROYAL PALACE.

I CAN CONFIRM THE EVACUATION WAS COMPLETED, YOUR MAJESTY.



WHAT DO WE DO NOW? COSMO AND HIS NERD BRIGADE HAVE RUINED EVERYTHING.

WE'VE LOST PRICELESS APHRODITE DATA AND SUPPLIES.



I'M AN ENTERPRISING WOMAN. I HAVE CONTINGENCY PLANS. FOR NOW... TAKE US OUT OF HERE.

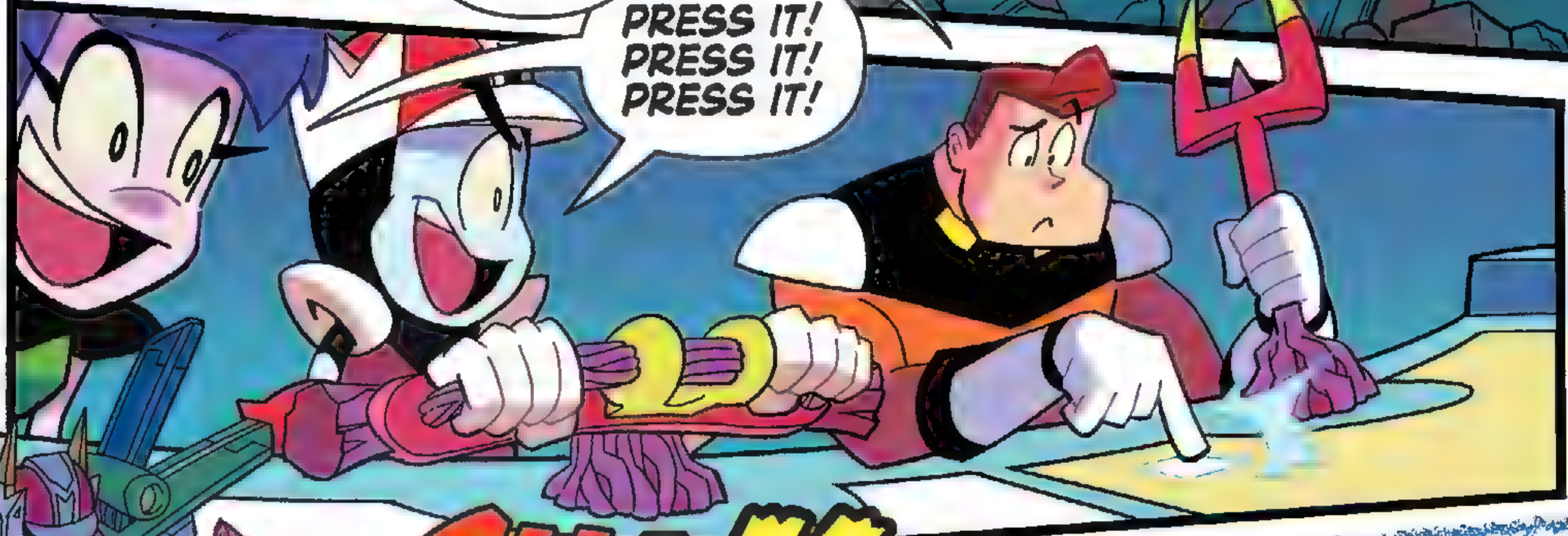




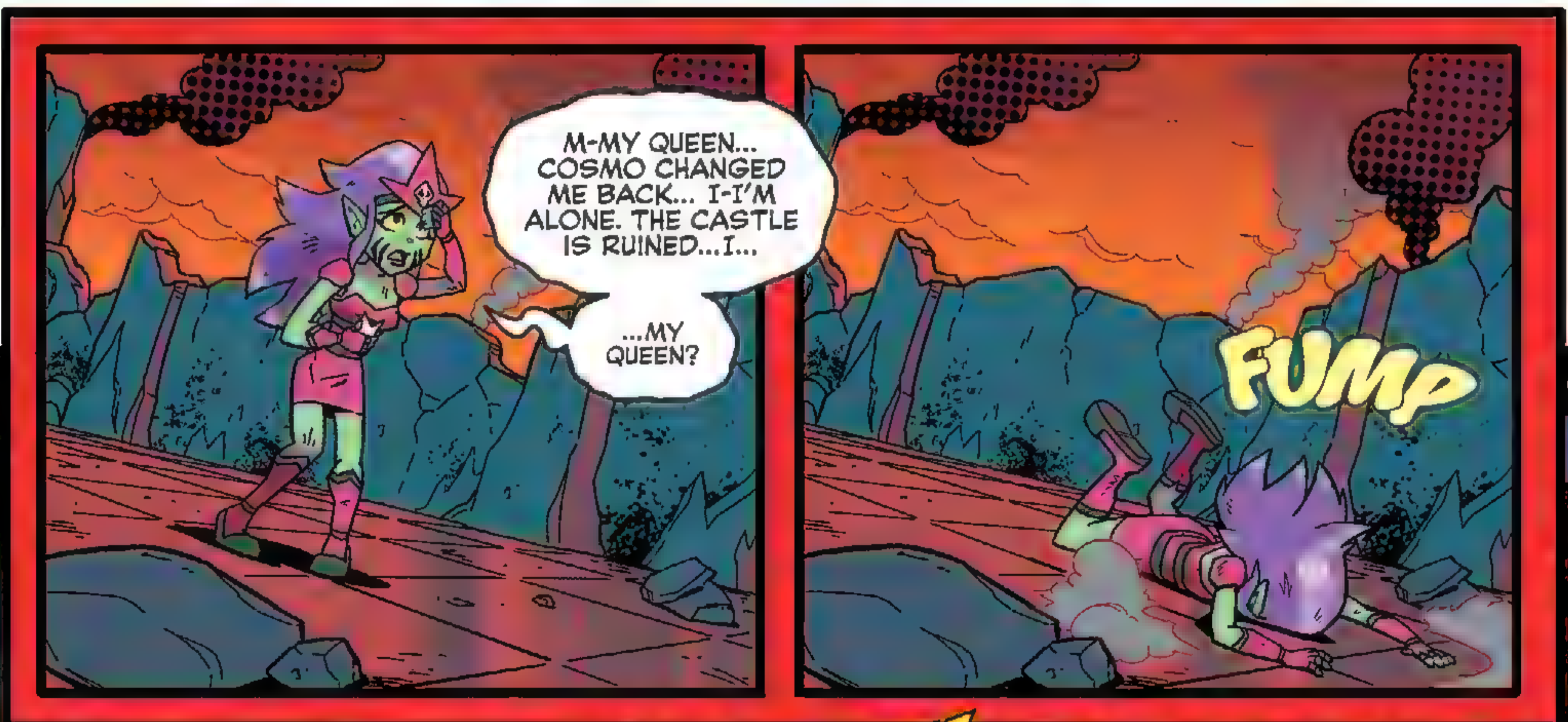
"AND COSMO WILL LIVE TO REGRET REJECTING ME."

UM...A NEW LIGHT APPEARED AND IS BLINKING A LOT...

PRESS IT! PRESS IT! PRESS IT!

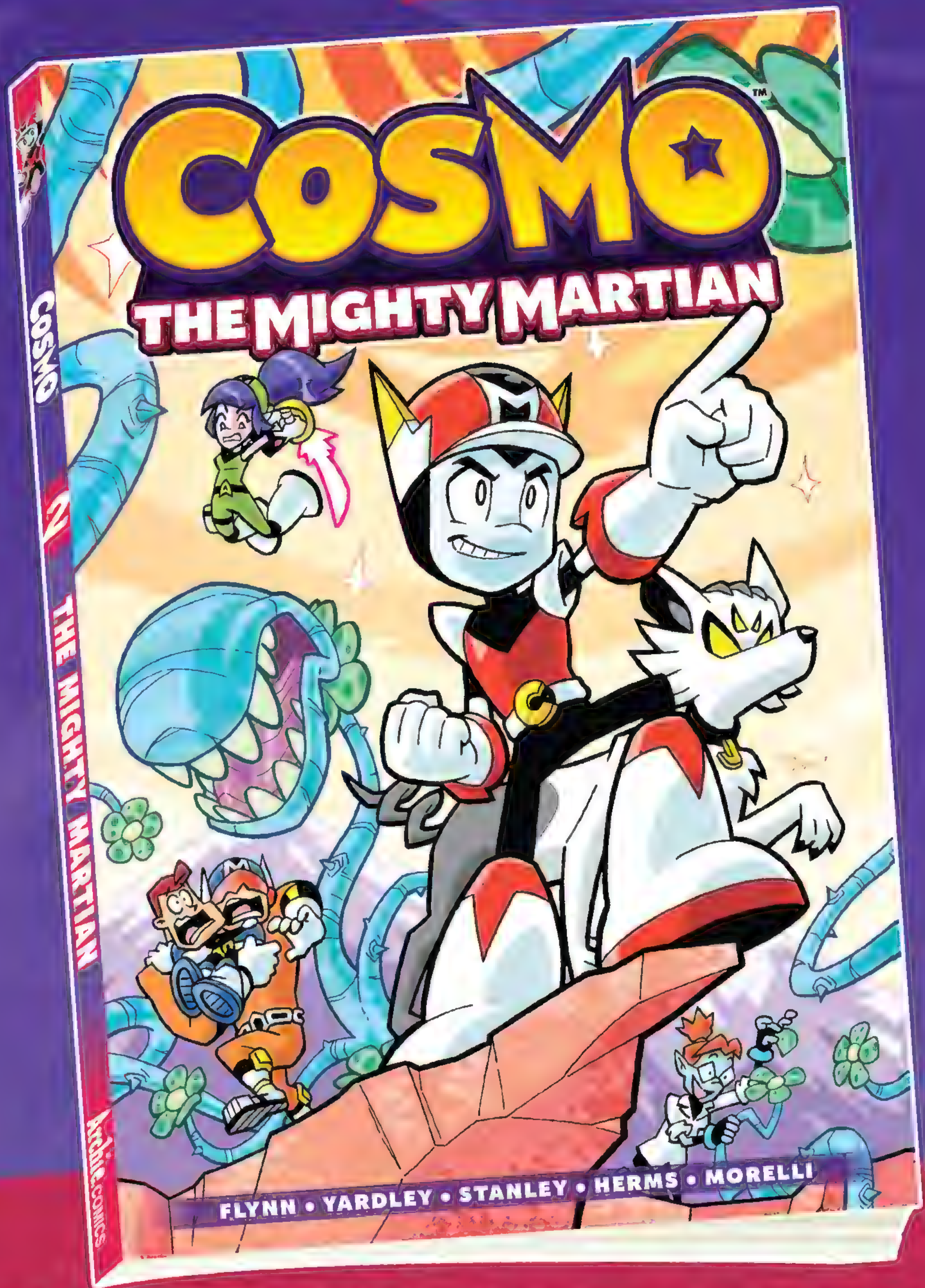


...WHA-HAPPUN?





**THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE
IS IN HIS HANDS!**



Cosmo is the courageous, quick-witted leader of his Martian crew. Together, they travel space in search of adventure and to seek out those in need! Cosmo's strength and leadership is tested as the villainous forces of Venus threaten the universe, as well as the thing Cosmo treasures most: his friends! Collects issues 1-5 of the all-ages adventure series, *Cosmo the Mighty Martian!*

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DATA FILE: QUEEN HESPER



Hesper is the beautiful and tyrannical ruler of Venus. She commands her Battle Princesses and an army of monsters in a bid to conquer the solar system. They use the mineral aphrodite to mutate their victims and add them to their army.

Before her time as Queen, Hesper and Cosmo shared a past. While the details are still a mystery, it is clear that she still greatly admires Cosmo despite his meddling with her plans.

Name: Hesper

Home planet: Venus

Age: 23

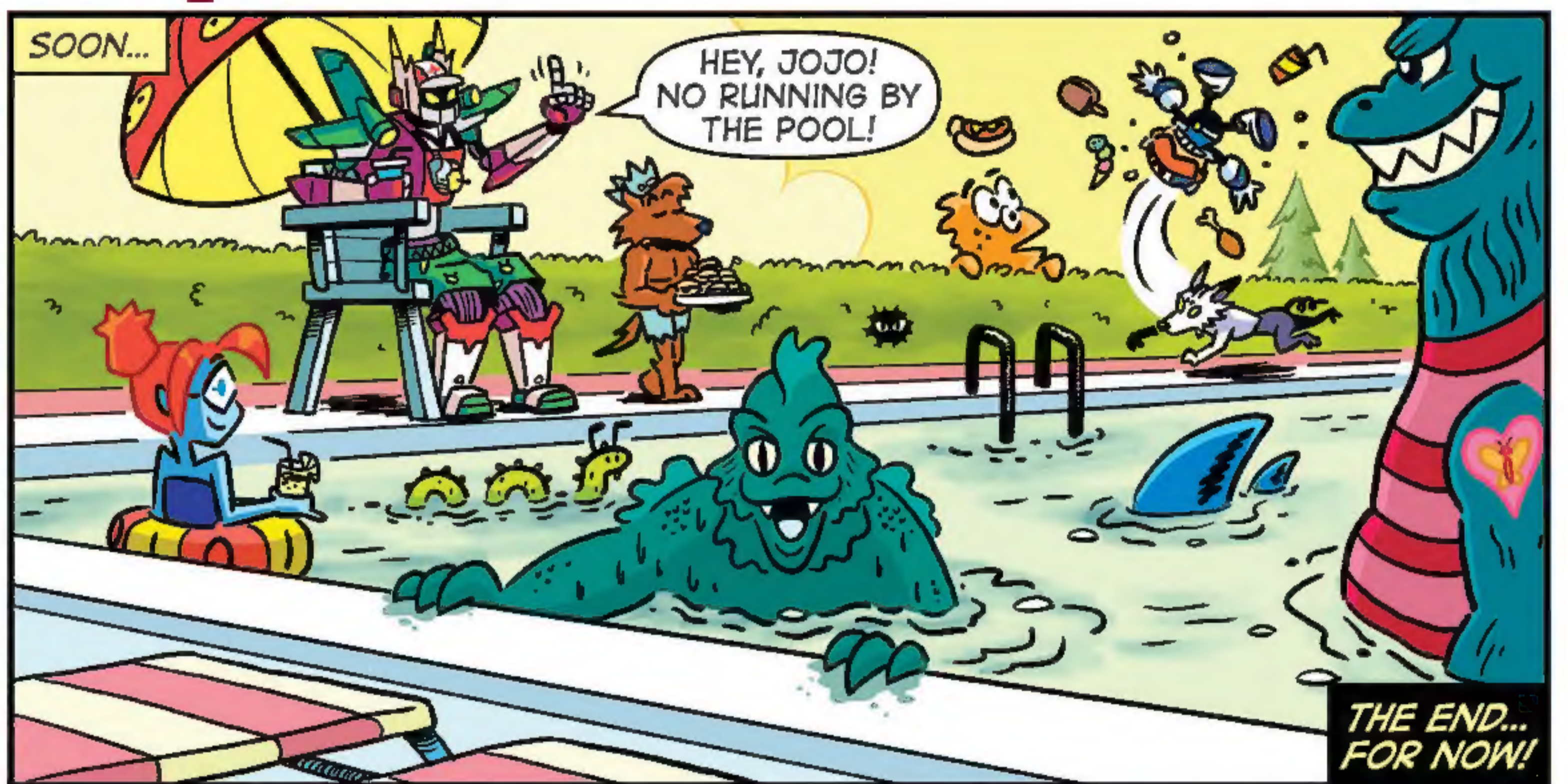
Likes: Cosmo, beauty, power, hair spray, dark chocolate

Dislikes: Deception, failure, snow, sweet caramel

OUTER SPACE STRIPS

Martian Monster Mash-up!

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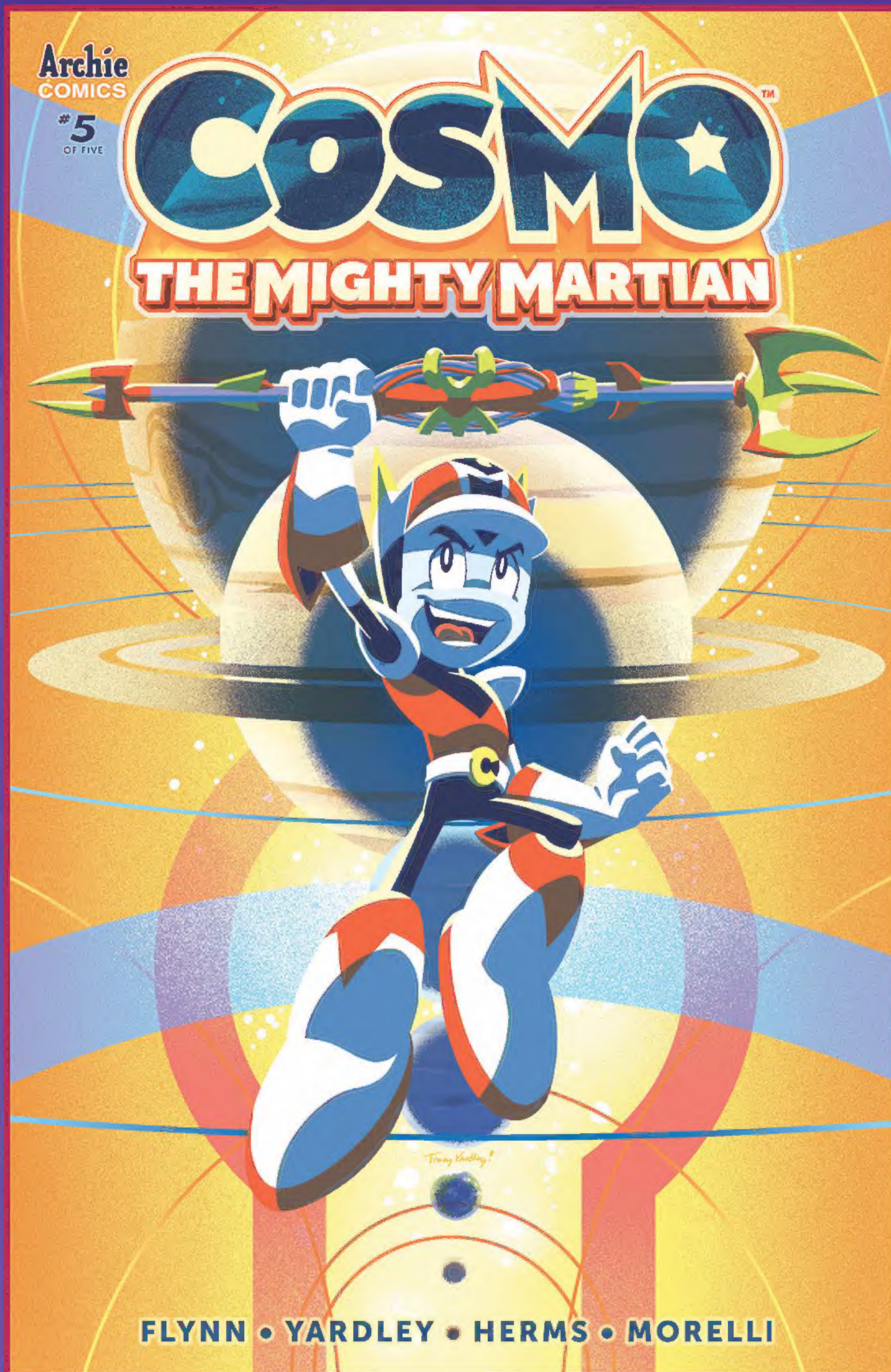


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"YOU ARE A RARE FIND, COSMO."



The Martian crew has been captured by the Venusian Queen Hesper and her Battle Princesses! Cosmo is faced with a difficult choice when Hesper offers him a position of power as her loyal King in exchange for the release of his friends! Will Cosmo prove himself to be the mightiest Martian?! The confrontation on Venus ends here!

Join the fan favorite creative team from the critically-acclaimed series, **COSMO: SPACE ACES**, writer **IAN FLYNN** and artist **TRACY YARDLEY**, in this new space age adventure for readers of all ages!

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